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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO DIA USCINCEUR
FROM LISBON DTD 25 NOV 1975

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 7002

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PO
SUBJ: PARATROOPS MUTINY: SITREP TWO

REF: LISBON 6999 DTG 251133Z NOV 75

1. BEIROLAS ARMORY ACCESS ROADY ARE NOW BLOCKED WITH BARRICADES AND TANKS. DAO OBSERVER ON SCENE WAS UNABLE TO PENETRADE BARRI-CADES, AND WE HAVE AN UNCONFIRMED RPT UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT ARMORY IS DISTRIBUTING ARMS TO CIVILIANS. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, ARMORY IS UNDER RADICAL CONTROL AND IS LOCATED ON OUTSKIRTS OF LISBON.

2. AT ALVERCA AIR FORCE MAINTENANCE CENTER, 17 MILES NORTH OF LISBON, TRUCKS ARE NOW BLOCKING RUNWAYS. THERE IS SMALL CROWD OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL DEMONSTRATING.

3. AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF MORAIS DA SILVA THIS MORNING WAS PREVENTED FROM ENTERING HIS HEADQUARTERS IN LISBON.

4. NATIONAL RADIO (EN) ON 1:00 PM NEWSBROADCAST SAID
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NOTHING ABOUT PARATROOP MOVE. COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED RADIO

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CLUBE PORTUGUES (RCP) IS SAYING PARATROOPS ARE STRUGGLING
FOR "DEMOCRATIZATION." AND CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF GENERAL MORAIS
DA SILVA AND PINHO FREIRE. OTHERWISE, EN, RCP, AND TV (RTP)
STATION ARE BROADCASTING NORMALLY.

5. SITUATION INSIDE RTP STILL NOT CLEAR. EMBOFF AT STUDIOS
AT 1:00 P.M. REPORTS THAT THEY ARE BEING GUARDED BY RADICAL
TROOPS FROM THE MILITARY ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL (EPAM).
THERE IS NO SENSE OF URGENCY AT THE SITE.

6. LOCAL WEATHER IS CLEAR AND COOL IN LISBON. TRAFFIC IS
MOVING NORMALLY AND OUTWARDLY THE CITY IS FUNCTIONING
AS USUAL.
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